Interior; Albert F. Appleton, former Director, Water and Sewer System, New York City; and public witnesses.

## WHITE-NOSE SYNDROME IN BATS

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands and the Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife held a joint oversight hearing on White-nose Syndrome: What's Killing Bats in the Northeast. Testimony was heard from Marvin Moriarty, Northeast Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; Joe Holtrop, Deputy Chief, National Forest System, USDA; Scott Darling, Wildlife Biologist, Department of Fish and Wildlife, State of Vermont; and public witnesses.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 2646, as amended, Government Accountability Office Improvement Act of 2009; H.R. 1345, District of Columbia Hatch Act Reform Act of 2009; H.R. 2392, amended, Government Information Transparency Act; H. Res. 420, Celebrating the symbol of the United States Flag and supporting the goals and ideals of Flag Day; H. Res. 435, amended, Celebrating Asian Pacific American Heritage Month; H.R. 2325, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1300 Matamoros Street in Laredo, Texas, as the "Laredo Veterans Post Office;" H.R. 2422, amended, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 702 East University Avenue in Georgetown, Texas, as the "Lyle G. West Post Office Building;" and H.R. 2470, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 19190 Cochran Boulevard FRNT in Port Charlotte, Florida, as the "Lieutenant Commander Roy H. Boehm Post Office Building."

# FEDERAL OIL SPILL RESEARCH/ DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on a New Direction for Federal Oil Spill Research and Development. Testimony was heard from Doug Helton, Incident Operations Coordinator, Office of Response and Restoration, NOAA, Department of Commerce; Albert D. Venosa, Director, Land Remediation and Pollution Control Division, National Risk Management Research Laboratory, Office of Research and Development, EPA; RADM James Watson, USCG, Director, Prevention Policy for Marine Safety, Security and Stewardship, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security; and Stephen Edinger, Direc-

tor, Office of Spill Prevention and Response, Department of Fish and Game, State of California.

# INNOVATION RESEARCH/TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Contracting and Technology held a hearing entitled "Legislative Initiatives to Strengthen and Modernize the SBIR and STTR programs." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 2093, amended, Clean Coastal Environment and Public Health Act of 2009; H.R. 2650, Maritime Safety Act of 2009; H.R. 2651, Maritime Workforce Development Act; H.R. 2652, amended, Coast Guard Modernization Act; H.R. 1687, amended, To designate the Federal building and United States Courthouse located at McKinley Avenue and Third Street, S.W., Canton, Ohio, as the "Ralph Regula Federal Office Building and United States Courthouse;" H.R. 2053, To designate the United States courthouse located at 525 Magoffin Avenue in El Paso, Texas, as the "Albert Armendariz, Sr., United States Courthouse;" H.R. 2498, To designate the Federal building located at 844 North Rush Street in Chicago, Illinois, as the "William O. Lipinski Federal Building;" H. Res. 410, Recognizing the numerous contributions of the recreational boating community and the boating industry to the continuing prosperity and affluence of the United States; H. Res. 472, Congratulating and saluting the seventieth anniversary of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) and their dedication to general aviation, safety and the important contribution general aviation provides to the United States; H. Res. 484, Expressing support for designation of June 10th as the "National Pipeline Safety Day;" and General Services Administration Building Resolutions.

### **VETERANS' MEASURES**

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 1037, amended, Pilot College Work Study Programs for Veterans Act of 2009; H.R. 1098, amended, Veterans' Worker Retaining Act of 2009; H.R. 1172, amended, To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to include on the Internet website of the Department of Veterans affairs a list of organizations that provide scholarships to veterans and their survivors; H.R. 1821, amended, Equity for Injured Veterans Act of 2009; and H.R. 2180, To amend title 38, United States Code, to waive housing loan fees for certain veterans with service-connected disabilities called to active service.